

# HOMESTEAD GRAYS

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Negro National League Pennant Winners 1937-38-39-40

508 DIXON STREET, HOMESTEAD, PA.

PHONE HOMESTEAD 9307

Mrs E Manley

July 29th 1941

Dear ~~Mrs~~ Manley

your letter received. First I am going to agree with you concerning a certain syndicate of white that are going to take possession of our league with the aid of the two presidents if we don't look out. First I am disgusted with the booking in the East. We played several games in the first half. None did we receive more than \$100.00 out of that we paid gas & oil 7.00, rooms 15.00, meals 16.50 - Booking agent 10.00, other incidentals 5.00 a total 54.00 giving us \$46.00 to operate a ball club and office force. It is really pitiful. The second half I have not played one game for the bookies. I am to play Bushwick on Aug 31st. I am trying not to play this game



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and will not if I <sup>2</sup>can get your help and senders.  
We have Cubans out here after Aug 25<sup>th</sup> they  
are with us until Aug 30<sup>th</sup>. Can't you take Black  
Yankees in your four club double header and  
let the Cubans play us in Forbes Field? I  
have wrote Panhez of the change if possible.  
This will work two purposes: it will save  
Alex from jumping all the way to Newark and  
second (which is the greater) it will show the  
booking agents that there is one club in  
the league that don't have to play  
under there direction. We start others  
can follow. We game Phila \$520.60 for  
one game out here July 25<sup>th</sup>. Their lowest gate  
was 110<sup>00</sup> on a Saturday which is bad here if you  
can't get to play in Forbes Field. In no other  
game did they get less than 200<sup>00</sup>. Sunday with E.W.  
game in Chicago I game them \$538<sup>00</sup>. We play them bal



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of week out here. Gottlieb bid me for  
break for his club. The Stars are loose  
they will have to get some one. Played only  
one good game. Gottlieb is trying to get Cum  
to let Yankee & his club play in Detroit on  
Aug 17th. We have this date reserved. I  
told <sup>him</sup> it would kill our crowds if we  
expect to go back to Detroit to let two  
clubs like them play there. Cum will be  
in N. Y. on Aug 10th. I wish I could be there  
as Cum is too easily led. At times he goes  
in. I can't understand at all his life he has  
been harder to deal with than me. You can  
talk to him about the Sept. game. Then again I am  
not going to let any playoffs stop me from  
making money. I am willing to go into Polo grounds



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on Sept 14th with your club if ~~never~~ necessary  
If I can take out 750<sup>00</sup> with no fee. How have  
they treated us in past years. Won pennant  
4 straight years no world series only a  
head ache with us each year with the  
players in getting them to sign the following year.  
Like some 10 foot Cum agreed to a champion  
ship series in 1939. after we had won a  
both halves that year. Next year what  
came out Baltimore Elites Giants what  
all of their bus and the rest of the  
Country Champions of the World. They  
only joined this last series because our players  
had left for Porto Rica. An other thing I thought  
you might of mentioned and give me a little credit  
for. At our last meeting in N. Y. remember how I  
fought them about the July 20th date. I smelled  
the rat. Those booking agents had got to



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gether in their exclusive hotel and had mapped out the July 20th date with K.C. and Satchel in N.Y. I had to take my date in Washington as I had contracted to take all open Sundays. I bluffed them and it worked. You and I realized \$558<sup>00</sup> by me being so obstinate. If I had been in N.Y. I would of received my full amount. Why are we paying some other Clubs salary. They have one star we have several. But we dont ask any one to help pay them. I started to reuse it on phone to Gattlieb. This was his answer - Please dont argue on the phone I will explain. To date I have no explanation. I could write a book on what has happened this year. Kindly send Mats & publicity at once. You wont regret playing the night game at Dayton. J.V.T.  
S. H. Posey.